

33. The nonwoven fabric as claimed in claim 15, wherein said anionic resin is at least one resin selected from the group consisting of polyacrylic acid salt, carboxymethyl cellulose, carboxymethyl starch, alginic acid, xanthane gum and polymethacrylic acid salt.--

### REMARKS

The specification has been amended to place the application in conformance with standard United States Patent practice.

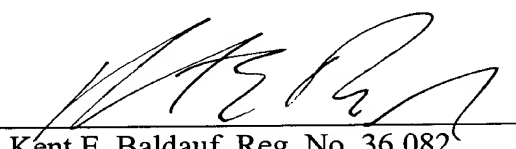
Claims 3, 4, 7-9 and 18-21 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. New claims 24-33 have been added to further define the invention.

Examination and allowance of pending claims 1-33 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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